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MEMORANDUM

June 6, 2011

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator 
Tom Marsh, Zoning and Development Coordinator
Gary Luffman, Director, Building and Neighborhood Services

SUBJECT: Phase 2 Application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; May 2010 Flood Event;
Presidential Declaration FEMA-1909-DR-TN

PURPOSE

The purpose of this action is to obtain authorization from the Board and Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) to proceed with application to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) for funds available in Phase 2 of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) due to the May 2010 Flood, Presidential Declaration (FEMA-1909-DR-TN).

BACKGROUND

The City of Franklin made application in March of 2011 to participate in Phase 1 of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which allocated \$1,133,097 toward reducing or eliminating damages to structures in the event of a future flood. The City of Franklin share is shown below:

Federal share (75%)	\$849,823
State share (12.5%)	\$141,637
COF share (12.5%)	\$141,637

According to the requirements of the Phase 1 grant program, the funds will be used to purchase properties that were significantly damaged by 50% or more from the May 2010 flood. Once purchased, the properties would belong to the City of Franklin in perpetuity and be designated as open space lots. In Phase 1, five (5) properties were identified that would benefit the City of Franklin and also lessen the impact to the surrounding areas to a future flood. The property owners have all agreed to participate and understand that this is a voluntary program and that they may back out at any time up to the point of closing on the purchase of their property.

Over \$25 million went unclaimed for mitigation in the initial Phase 1 program. Phase 2 now allows the City of Franklin to make application for additional funds with the same percentage share being allocated (75%/12.5%/12.5%). The difference in the Phase 2 grant is that no limit was set on the available funds by jurisdiction as were designated in Phase 1. The determination will be made according to the number of applications submitted by those government entities that qualified during the Presidential Declaration.

Staff used the same criteria in determining the next five properties for consideration. These five properties are the remaining properties voluntarily submitted in the process that have an estimated damage at or above 50%. We anticipate the 12.5% share this time to be below \$100,000. Of course, this



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amount could go higher if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen identified more than five properties. A more exact figure will be determined by June 14, 2011 BOMA Work Session meeting.

Discussion

The deadline is June 30, 2012. A quick determination must be made by the Board on the June 28, 2011, regular meeting of BOMA to meet this deadline. Staff will process the final application and submit to the State of Tennessee, who will then process it further to the Federal government.

Financial Impact

The City must purchase the properties and then be reimbursed by FEMA. Our cost can also include appraisals, demolition, and other miscellaneous expenses. We expect the cost to be less than \$100,000, unless more properties are added or we include properties with a higher value. It is also the prerogative of the Board to identify less than five properties and lessen the cost to the City.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopt a Resolution to submit the application to TEMA for the Phase 2 Grant to include the remaining properties submitted by property owners that are damaged 50% or greater.



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April 1, 2011

The Honorable John Schroer
Mayor, City of Franklin
P.O. Box 305
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Dear Mayor Schroer:

March 31, 2011 ends the Phase I application period for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Thanks to all the communities who were able to take advantage of their allocated funds.

Phase II is now underway with a deadline for application of June 30, 2011. Over \$25 million is available for Phase II projects from unused allocations added back into the overall disaster funding.

The attached general information for Phase II should provide answers to the most common questions. However, if you have additional questions in developing an application for Phase II please contact Mrs. Judith L. Huff, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at 615.717.2506 or jhuff@tnema.org.

Sincerely,


James H. Bassham
Director

JHB/jlh

cc: Local Emergency Management Director
TEMA Regional Director

**General Information for the State of Tennessee's Phase II Implementation of the
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

Program Goal: Permanently eliminate or significantly reduce the repetitive damages caused by natural events and disasters.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2011

Eligible Applicants:

- Communities included in the May 2010 Presidential Declaration;
- Communities in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and
- Communities holding a current FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan.

Funding: 75% Federal share, 12.5% State share, and 12.5% Local share (local share can be comprised of cash and/or in-kind services).

Types of Projects: Types of projects are those that mitigate the type of disaster incurred (i.e. flooding, tornado), and can include:

- Acquisition of repetitively flooded properties;
- Flood control (drainage improvement, retention/detention basin, etc.);
- Safe areas (reinforced corridors in schools, shelter areas, etc.); and
- Mitigation planning

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